GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2212
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SECOND PHASE OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has proposed afresh the additional levy of 30 paise cess on petrol and diesel to fund the second phase of national highway development project proposed to create East-West and North-South corridor of six lane roads;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry had a meeting with the Finance Ministry on this issue;

(c) if so, whether the Ministry needs about Rs. 35,000 crores for funding the second phase of the national highway development project; and

(d) if so, when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(MAJOR GENERAL (R B.C.KHANDURI)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry has proposed to levy an additional cess of 30 paise per litre on petrol and diesel for funding of second phase of the National Highways Development Project (NHDP)

(c) A proposal is under process for Phase-II Programme of NHDP for rehabilitation and upgradation of existing 2-lane road to 4/6-lane Divided Carriageway Configuration for the Sections on North-South and East-West Corridor of NHDP and other projects at a cost of Rs. 32741 crore to be executed by National Highways Authority of India.

(d) Announcement in this regard has been made in the budget for 2003-2004.